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Town of Brookline
Surveillance Technology and Military-Type Equipment Study Committee

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Bernard Greene, Chair   **Date**: Sept 12, 2019

Present:
Bernard Greene, Chair
C. Scott Ananian
Casey Hatchett
Lt. Paul Campbell
Susan Howard
Igor Muravyov
Amy Hummel
Kevin Stokes
Emiliano Falcon (member of the public, ACLU)

Committee member Ananian agreed to take minutes.

Discussion:

1. Follow up discussion re: ordinance comparisons
    a. Committee member Ananian would like to do a bit more work on the latter sections of the report; deferred further discussion to next meeting.
2. Private surveillance technologies
    a. No current policy at BPD for use of footage from private surveillance. Officers go where the evidence leads. Can be subpoenaed but residents usually voluntarily turn over the footage. No current BPD policy for this. Often private footage is unusable because the system is misconfigured or don't know how to access. The Ring system has been very useful for investigating package theft, because people understand how to configure and access it.
    b. It is hard for BPD to search evidence logged as video.
    c. Discussion of possible recommendations in two areas:
        i. Town policy for requesting private surveillance footage
        ii. Educational materials/etiquette for posting faces online
3. Police safety app
    a. Igor presented draft IT questionnaire for discussion
    b. Discussion about relation to GDPR and related California initiatives
4. Body camera update from BPD Deputy Superintendent Michael Gropman distributed
5. Whether to recommend an audit committee was discussed
6. Committee status review drafted by committee member Ananian was discussed
    a. Committee member Stokes indicated that further specificity in request for camera information was requested by Town Counsel
7. Discussion of committee member Hummel's warrant article (WA 25) on banning face recognition

      a. Question posed to the committee by the chair: if this passes, are there additional policies we need to put in place
8. Discussion of emerging technologies deferred to next meeting.
9. Next meeting scheduled for Oct 10, 2019.

Follow up items:
1. Approval of minutes for July 25, 2019 deferred to next meeting.
2. Discussion of ordinance comparison deferred to next meeting.
3. Igor will write up a narrative introduction to information security questionnaire: why it is important and how it would be used.
4. Committee members will attempt to get further information on Town policies
5. Discussion of emerging technologies deferred to next meeting